

I am appalled about the blatant partisan use of the public airwaves the Sinclair Broadcast Group has planned for just before the election. For Sinclair to justify its broadcast of "Stolen Honor" as "news" is patently ridiculous. News is timely. If it were truly "news" the broadcast of it would have been two or three weeks ago when it first came to light. Renaming the program "Stolen Election" would be more appropriate.

If Sinclair is allowed to proceed with its plans to air this program so close to the election date, in all fairness the 62 stations should be required to give John Kerry equal equivalent time to respond to the allegations.

In addition the FCC and the FEC should launch an investigation into the unseemly connection between Sinclair and the Bush administration. Sinclair has undoubtedly benefited from the relaxation of FCC rules under this administration and will undoubtedly benefit further should they win the election in November.

After what this country has been through in the last 20 months due in large part to the mainstream media abdicating its responsibility to challenge the government, the last thing we need is for some of these large media corporations who are in lockstep with the government to be allowed to increase their presence by buying up more media outlets. They have already proven themselves to be horrendous stewards of the public good.